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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC VPL Unit at Augustusbad

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 23 March to 16 April 1953

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 11 May 1953

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1. On 29 March 1953, [REDACTED] the VPL installation at Augustusbad was on the west side of the Radeberg-Seifersdorf road, about 100 meters north of the junction of this road with the Radeberg-Wachau road. Along the road, the installation was secured by a brickwall 2.5 meters high, while the other sides were surrounded by a board fence of the same height. The installation consisted of three four-story and one two-story permanent buildings, a utility building with a high smokestack, and at least four newly constructed wooden sheds without windows. The installation quartered an estimated 100 to 120 VPL soldiers. The gate was guarded by two VPL sergeants; the watch tower on the west side was occupied by a sentry and the west side of the installation was being patrolled.

2. On 13 April, Augustusbad Camp quartered a VPL unit whose soldiers wore light blue service color and a silver A on their epaulets. The quartering capacity of the installation was estimated at about 1,000 men. The camp probably quartered a training course in a strength far below the quartering capacity of the installation. The camp was guarded; one of the sentries was posted on a watch tower. No training activities were observed. There were no indications of intended construction work. The installation was surrounded by a new board fence. [REDACTED] a sketch of the camp.¹

3. The afternoon of 13 April and on 14 April [REDACTED] the VPL installation at Augustusbad consisted of a number of permanent buildings and many single-story temporary buildings. The installation was located in a wooded area and surrounded by a board fence, so details could not be observed. [REDACTED] No construction work was noticed. No radio installations or lines leading to the installation were seen either. [REDACTED] four detachments of 24 VPs each and three lieutenants enter the installation. The VPL soldiers wore blue fatigue uniforms. Many VPL motor vehicles were seen proceeding to the camp. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the VPL unit which consisted of about 500 men moved to the installation, a former sanatorium, in November 1952.

4. On 16 April, [REDACTED] the VPL installation at Augustusbad, which was surrounded by a board fence 2.5 meters high, was west of the road running

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from Radeberg to the autobahn. The installation definitely quartered several hundred men. Some NCOs seen at the installation wore a metal A on their epaulets. [redacted] about 30 NCOs marching in the area of the camp. [redacted] the installation was to be occupied by an air force signal unit. No construction work or radio installation were seen at Augustusbad.²

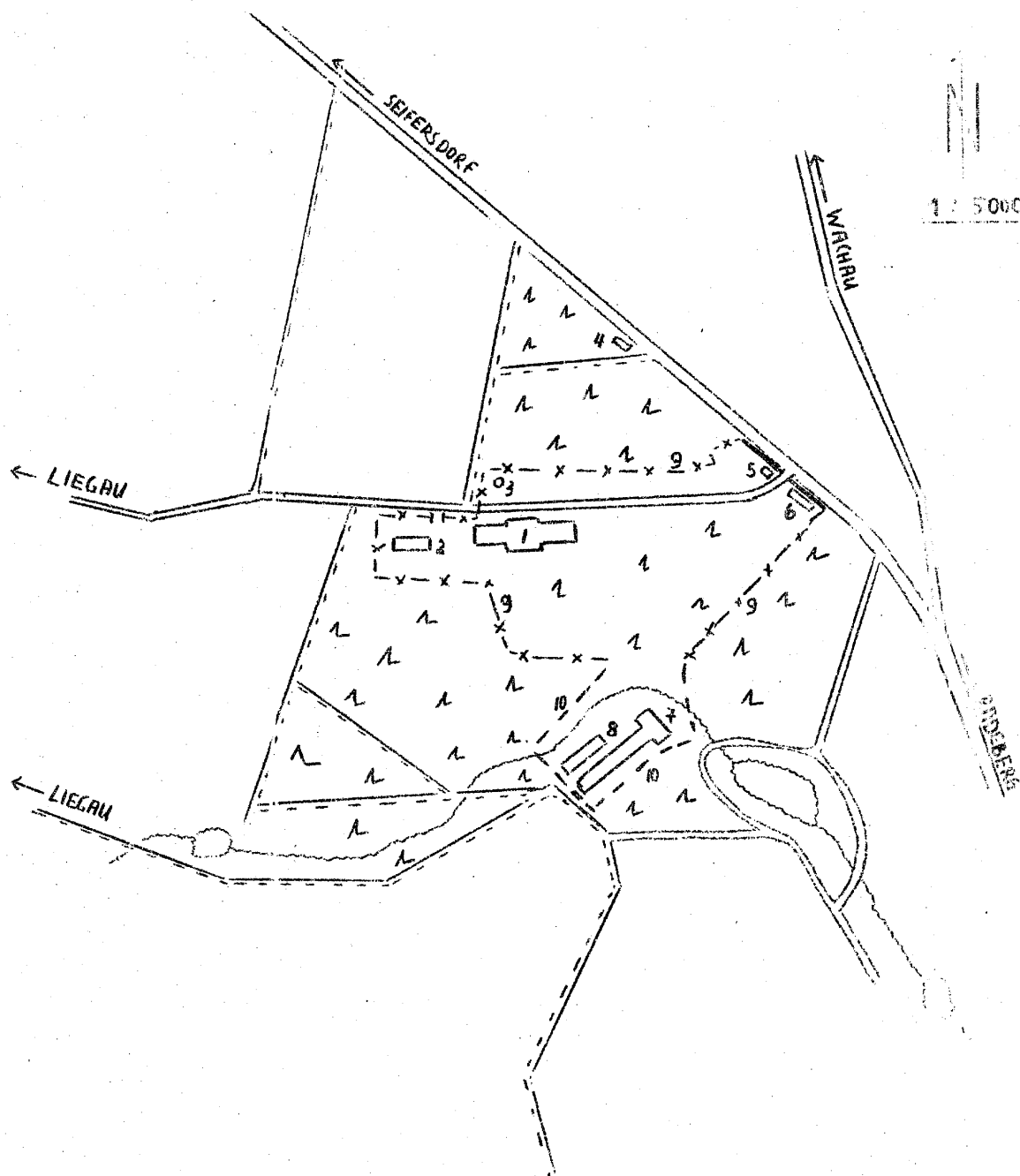
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1. [redacted] Comment. For location sketch of the Augustusbad installation, see Annex. Previous reports indicated that VFL officer candidates were being trained at the installation. [redacted] All VP officer candidates wear an A on their epaulets.
2. [redacted] Comment. Some of the personnel quartered at the installation are being familiarized with signal equipment at the Sachsenwerk Plant in Radeberg. It is unknown whether the VFL officer candidates at the installation will later serve with signal units or whether they also include flying personnel. It is believed that the installation quarters a total of about 350 men.

ANNEX

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VPL Installation at Augustusbad



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Legend: See next page.

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Annex



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Legend:

1. Three-story quartering building, about 60 meters long.
2. New two-story building, about 6 x 12 meters.
3. Watch tower.
4. Single-story temporary building.
5. Guardhouse.
6. Quartering building with workshops.
7. Outdoor swimming pool.
8. Shed.
9. Board fence.
10. Wire fence.

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